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**From:** Brown, Jamesr  
**Sent:** Thur 8/6/2015 7:13:58 PM  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION NEEDED

I sent Ronnie the notice we got very recently from Region 8. Angela Restivio, our NM Drinking Water coordinator was notified as well. Shirley or Mark can do a SDWIS pull to check on the water systems that may be impacted.

Jim  
Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** Garcia, David  
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Jim/Mark,

Ronnie Crossland just stopped by my office. A mine waste spill has spewed about a million gallons of orange-colored discharge into a tributary of the Animas River. An Environmental Protection Agency and State Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety team working to investigate a contamination at the Gold King Mine in San Juan County unexpectedly triggered a large release of mine waste water. For more information refer to URL below.

Immediate questions are as follows:

- What New Mexico drinking water systems are down stream? May need to shut off their water intake.
- What is the Animas River flow rate?
- Estimated time from Durango, CO to NM border is what? How about to first drinking water system.

Please get on this as soon as you can. Briefings are going on as we speak. Please share your information with Ronnie Crossland and cc me.

<http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2015/08/06/silverton-mine-plug/31218753/>

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